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Letter dated 18 September 2006 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its sixty-first session on 13 September 2006, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Second Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/61/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections IV and V of the report, concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(*Signed*) Haya Rashed **Al Khalifa**

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Allocation of items to the Second Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

2. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [item 40].

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

3. Information and communication technologies for development [item 50].

4. Macroeconomic policy questions [item 51]:

   (a) International trade and development;

   (b) International financial system and development;

   (c) External debt crisis and development;

   (d) Commodities.

5. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [item 52].

6. Sustainable development [item 53]:

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

   (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session.

7. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) [item 54].

8. Globalization and interdependence [item 55]:

   (a) Globalization and interdependence;

(b) International migration and development;

[In accordance with resolution 58/208 of 23 December 2003 and resolution 60/227 of 23 December 2005, the General Assembly will hold the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in New York on 14 and 15 September 2006.]

(c) Culture and development;

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.

9. Groups of countries in special situations [item 56]:

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

[In accordance with resolution 59/244 of 22 December 2004 and decision 60/556 of 16 May 2006, the General Assembly will convene the high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 in New York on 18 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., as well as on 19 September 2006, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.]

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

10. Eradication of poverty and other development issues [item 57]:

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

[In accordance with resolution 59/246 of 22 December 2004, the General Assembly will devote one plenary meeting at its sixty-first session to the consideration of the outcome of and follow-up to the International Year of Microcredit, with a view to broadening and deepening the discussion about microcredit and microfinance.]

(b) Industrial development cooperation.

11. Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system [item 58].

[The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 58 (Operational activities for development).]

12. Training and research [item 59]:

(a) United Nations University;

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

13. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [item 69]:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

(c) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

14. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 110].

[The General Assembly decided to allocate item 110 also to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programme of work.]

15. Programme planning [item 118].

[The General Assembly decided to allocate item 118 also to all the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.]